

**FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2022**

English

ENG 5B 08—LITERARY THEORY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences. (2 marks each) :

- 1 What is meant by paradigm shift ?
- 2 How does poststructuralism argue that all meanings are provisional ?
- 3 What is deconstructive reading ?
- 4 Explain the Symbolic Stage in the mental development of a child.
- 5 Explain Base and Superstructure.
- 6 What did Gramsci mean by the term 'Subaltern' ?
- 7 Name three works that acted as the precursors of modern Cultural Studies.
- 8 What was the objective of CCCS ?
- 9 Explain 'New Historicism'.
- 10 Distinguish between history and historiography.
- 11 What was the chief concern of First Wave Feminism ?
- 12 Explain Gynocriticism.
- 13 Who wrote the book *The Empire Writes Back* ? What is the chief argument ?
- 14 How does Benedict Anderson present his critique of nation ?
- 15 What does Baudrillard call 'Hyperreality' ?

(Ceiling 25 marks)

II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph. (5 marks each) :

- 16 Features of Liberal Humanist reading.
- 17 Saussure's contribution to Structuralism.

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- 18 Post Structuralism.
- 19 Freud's notion of the Unconscious.
- 20 Ideology in Marxist Theory.
- 21 French Feminism.
- 22 Queer Theory.
- 23 Hybridity in Postcolonial Studies.

(Ceiling 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay :

- 24 The significance of Structuralism in literary studies.
- 25 The differences between old Historicism and New Historicism.
- 26 Give a brief account of different types of Feminism.
- 27 Briefly explain the major concepts in Postcolonial Studies.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

